

Introduced by Senators Alpert, Costa, Craven, Hughes, Karnette, Leslie, Lockyer, McPherson, Monteith, O’Connell, Peace, Rainey, Solis, Vasconcellos, and Watson

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 36—Relative to the 85th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 36, as introduced, Alpert. Girl Scouts of the United States of America: 85th anniversary.

This measure would recognize the celebration of the 85th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, and would encourage the people of California to participate in activities and celebrations appropriate to this occasion.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The year 1997 marks the 85th anniversary
- 2 of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America; and
- 3 WHEREAS, It is appropriate upon this anniversary to
- 4 bring special public attention to this organization for its
- 5 invaluable contributions to girls throughout the state of
- 6 California and the nation; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Under the theme “Be your Best,” the
- 8 anniversary celebration will provide a framework to

1 highlight the achievements that Girl Scouts have made
2 since 1912, and to explore the possibilities that await
3 members in the future; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1912 by Juliette Low, who
5 believed that “Girl Guides and Girl Scouts could
6 contribute to international understanding and world
7 peace,” Girl Scouts of the United States of America has
8 established and maintained a commitment to meeting
9 the changing needs of girls; and

10 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the United States of America
11 programs provide a spirit of adventure that challenges
12 members to learn new skills, try new activities, and
13 explore other cultures, while providing service and good
14 citizenship to their communities and neighborhoods; and

15 WHEREAS, Girl Scouts of the United States of America
16 is the largest organization in the world serving the needs
17 of girls, and has over 2.5 million girl members and over
18 806,000 adult volunteers, and, in the State of California,
19 more than 222,000 girl members and over 82,000 adult
20 volunteers active in the organization; and

21 WHEREAS, In celebration of the 85th anniversary of
22 the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the Girl
23 Scout Councils of California will hold a special celebration
24 on June 26, 1997, on the west steps of the State Capitol in
25 honor of women legislators and other women leaders; and

26 WHEREAS, Of the 27 women currently serving in the
27 California Legislature, 17 were members of, or leaders in,
28 the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, including
29 Senators Dede Alpert, Betty Karnette, Barbara Lee,
30 Diane Watson, and Cathy Wright, as well as Assembly
31 Members Barbara Alby, Elaine Alquist, Debra Bowen,
32 Valerie Brown, Susan Davis, Denise Moreno Ducheny,
33 Martha Escutia, Lynne Leach, Diane Martinez, Virginia
34 Strom-Martin, Kerry Mazzoni, and Helen Thomson; and

35 WHEREAS, The 85th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of
36 the United States of America will draw special public
37 attention to the distinguished history of the organization,
38 and to the benefits the people of California have enjoyed
39 as a result of the proud tradition of this organization; now,
40 therefore, be it



1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*
2 *Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature takes
3 pleasure in recognizing the Girl Scouts of the United
4 States of America on the celebration of its 85th
5 anniversary, and acknowledging with great pride the role
6 the organization has played in shaping the character and
7 quality of life of its members, both in California and the
8 United States; and be it further.

9 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages the people
10 of California to participate in activities and celebrations
11 appropriate to this occasion.

